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¶1. (U) Stephen Henningham, head of the Department of Foreign Affairs and Trade (DFAT) Fiji Task Force confirmed the responses given by DFAT Pacific Regional Section (reftel Canberra 299) immediately following the 26 March FFAM in an April 2 meeting with Poloff. Australia fully supports the PIF in its leadership role in promoting a return to democratic rule in Fiji and endorses the Outcomes Statement issued by the PIF Secretariat following the FFAM.

¶2. (U) Henningham reiterated the PIF should remain the primary mechanism for addressing regional issues, however, they see the UN Consultative Group and an EU group as providing a useful role in informing and engaging the broader international community.

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